

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-4, 6-11 and 13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3, 6-8, 10 and 13 are amended and claims 1-2, 5 and 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Office Action objects to claims 8 and 13 because of informalities. By this Amendment, claim 8 is amended to delete "making the source host transmit the ARP response packet." Claim 8 recites the destination host transmitting the ARP response packet. Furthermore, dependent claim 13 is amended to depend from claim 10 as suggested in the Office Action.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 5 and 12 define patentable subject matter. By this Amendment, features of allowable dependent claim 5 are incorporated into independent claim 3 and features of allowable dependent claim 12 are incorporated into independent claim 10. Thus, each of independent claim 3 and 10 define patentable subject matter. Each of the other claims depends from one of these claims as therefore define patentable subject matter at least for this reason.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 3-4, 6-11 and 13 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

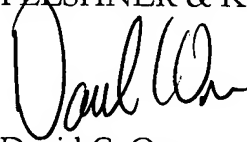
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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